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## Rep. Dave Considine Responds to State of the State Address

MADISON – State Representative Dave Considine (D-81) issued the following statement regarding Governor Walker's 2015 State of the State address, which was delivered Tuesday evening in the Assembly Chambers.

"As we move forward into the 2015-2016 legislative session, I sincerely hope that the Governor and my colleagues in the Legislature can move past the extreme partisanship and divisive policies that have been the focus of recent years. Now is the time to focus on creating sustainable jobs for Wisconsin's middle-class families, funding our schools fairly to ensure a quality education for every child, and create more opportunities for ordinary, hardworking people across our state," stated Considine.

In delivering his fifth annual State of the State address, Governor Scott Walker outlined his plans to restructure state agencies, further expand Wisconsin's taxpayer-funded voucher school program, and eliminate Common Core standards in Wisconsin schools.

"I'm excited to get to know my colleagues on both sides of the aisle better as we work to find long-term, sustainable solutions to the concerns of my constituents in the 81<sup>st</sup> Assembly District as well as citizens across Wisconsin. As a strong advocate for Wisconsin's public schools, our precious natural resources, and a longtime farmer and proud resident of the 81<sup>st</sup> District, I look forward to engaging with my fellow legislators to advance the values we all share," said Considine.

Rep. Considine was recently appointed to the Assembly Committees on Agriculture, Education, Environment & Forestry, Mental Health, and Mining & Rural Development. He believes these appointments present an essential opportunity for calm, rational discussion between parties.

"I look forward to lending my experience and voice to these committees, especially to the upcoming discussions on public school funding in the Assembly Committee on Education," Considine stated. "I am very proud to have been appointed to these committees, and am optimistic that we can and will find solutions to the problems our constituents face every day."